

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ) CRIMINAL NO. 2011-*03*  
the PEOPLE of the VIRGIN ISLANDS )  
)  
v. ) **INFORMATION**  
) Count One; 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)  
) (Possession of Firearm with an  
) Obliterated Serial Number)  
KANIAH A. HAZEL, )  
) Count Two; 14 V.I.C. § 2253 (a)  
) (Carrying of Firearms)  
Defendant. )  
) Count Three; 23 V.I.C. § 481  
) (Possession of Firearm with an  
) Obliterated Serial Number)  
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The United States Attorney Charges That:

**COUNT ONE**

(Possession of Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number)

On or about December 30, 2010, at St. Thomas, in the District of the Virgin Islands, the defendant,

**KANIAH A. HAZEL,**

knowingly possessed a firearm, that is, a Bryco 9mm semi-automatic pistol, that had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce, from which the manufacturer's serial number had been removed, altered, and obliterated;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(k) and 924(a)(1)(B).

The United States Attorney Further Charges That:

**COUNT TWO**

(Carrying of Firearms)

On or about December 30, 2010, at St. Thomas, in the District of the Virgin Islands, the defendant,

**KANIAH A HAZEL,**

did without authority of law, possess a firearm, that is, a Bryco 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

In violation of Title 14, Virgin Islands Code, Section 2253(a).

The United States Attorney Further Charges That:

**COUNT THREE**

(Possession of Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number)

On or about December 30, 2010, at St. Thomas, in the District of the Virgin Islands, the defendant,

**KANIAH A. HAZEL,**

unauthorized by law, had, carried, and transported, actually and constructively, loaded and unloaded, openly and concealed, a firearm, that is, a Bryco 9mm semi-automatic pistol, as defined in Title 23, Virgin Islands Code, Section 451(d), with obliterated identification marks in a public place, a residential area, and a place where persons are gathered, that is, he possessed a firearm on a public street of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.

In violation of Title 23, Virgin Islands Code, Section 481 (b).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count One of this Information, defendant,

**KANIAH A. HAZEL,**

shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(c) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), all firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of the offenses, including but not limited to the following:

**FIREARM OR AMMUNITION**

One Bryco 9mm semi-automatic pistol

If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p) as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

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